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Hot & Dry

Hot, dry conditions continue to boost small grain harvest across the state. Irrigation concerns for next year exist as reservoir levels continue to drop. A majority of Range and Pasture is in poor condition with producers taking advantage of emergency grazing on CRP ground, and some have begun supplemental feeding. The Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service reports farmers had an average of 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Agricultural activities for the week ending August 27 included irrigating, spraying weeds, moving livestock to alternate grazing areas, harvesting small grains, hay, mint, lentils, dry peas, sweet corn, potatoes, dry beans, corn for silage, and fruit.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	2000	1999	Avg.
Oats Harvested for Grain	67	51	46
Potatoes Vines Dying/Killed	27	10	11
Mint Harvested	92	71	77
Peaches Harvested	75	37	48
Apples Harvested	16	1	1
Dry Peas Harvested	93	65	65
Lentils Harvested	92	53	42
Onions Harvested	8	5	9
Prunes & Plums Harvested	14	29	23
Sweet Corn Harvested	35	48	34
Corn Harvested for Silage	4	4	1
Dry Beans Harvested	16	7	7

CROP REPORT

Producers have made rapid progress in harvesting crops. County Extension Educators reported some barley acreage was lost to fire in Madison county. Southwest and South-central areas have begun harvest of Norkotah potatoes. Statewide, nearly two thirds of the 3rd cutting alfalfa has been harvested while 4th cutting is underway. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 40% very short, 36% short, and 24% adequate, the lowest levels reported since 1994.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Range and Pasture conditions continue to decline with extreme fire danger. Precipitation levels have been below normal since mid-May. Lincoln county producers continue to tally livestock losses from a range fire that swept through the Dietrich area.

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water Supply	10	23	29	25	13
Range & Pasture	26	37	30	7	0
Potatoes	0	3	20	48	29

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 2000

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Harvested	95	61	72	100	97	99	100	95	92	97	68	74	97	73	79
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	74	26	36	98	96	96	99	61	71	74	38	40	80	43	49
Barley															
Harvested	72	29	38	97	95	96	92	82	81	69	29	41	76	42	51
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	12	11	9	10	4	3	2	1	1	5	3	2
Alfalfa Hay															
Harvested (3 rd cutting)	NA	NA	NA	91	88	53	85	59	48	29	11	8	62	45	30

Avg (1995-1999); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, August 27, 2000 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40E Base	50E Base To Date	Normal	Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of August	March 1 To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	91	43	66	3	2913	1527	1488	0.00	-0.93	0.00	9.00	12.36
Lewiston	99	48	73	2	3909	2314	2206	0.05	-0.18	0.05	5.13	6.05
Sand Point	88	38	63	1	2634	1309	1242	0.01	-0.46	0.02	12.52	12.38
Southwest												
Boise	96	49	75	5	4128	2559	2097	0.00	-0.10	0.01	3.71	5.14
Caldwell 5/	95	48	--	--	4084	2490	2373	0.00	-0.10	0.00	2.62	4.30
Emmett	95	47	71	2	3886	2342	2098	0.00	-0.12	0.00	3.25	5.01
Mountain Home	97	46	74	4	4188	2614	2080	0.00	-0.13	0.09	2.93	4.29
Parma 5/	97	50	--	--	4032	2451	2004	0.02	-0.13	0.02	2.86	4.77
Weiser	99	49	73	4	4232	2643	2035	0.02	-0.10	0.02	2.81	4.35
Southcentral												
Buhl	96	52	75	7	3899	2388	1709	0.00	-0.10	0.02	2.77	4.43
Burley	96	46	72	6	3923	2390	1645	0.01	-0.14	0.03	2.50	4.65
Hill City	90	37	65	3	2579	1308	1121	0.00	-0.13	0.20	2.77	5.10
Hagerman 5/	97	44	71	2	3999	2441	2217	0.00	-0.16	0.00	1.70	4.10
Malta	91	39	69	5	3418	1939	1536	0.00	-0.17	0.02	2.65	5.25
Twin Falls	91	45	68	3	3433	1958	1558	0.02	-0.10	0.05	2.75	4.72
East												
Aberdeen	92	36	65	1	2986	1631	1374	0.01	-0.14	0.04	2.07	4.83
Grace	94	39	67	4	3000	1647	1192	0.45	0.13	0.93	6.23	8.17
Idaho Falls	93	39	67	3	2958	1591	1451	0.00	-0.18	0.24	4.96	5.66
Malad City	98	48	73	7	3890	2496	1557	0.00	-0.24	0.00	2.23	7.57
Pocatello	95	39	71	4	3374	1947	1637	0.09	-0.08	0.11	2.85	6.08
Rexburg	89	41	67	3	2938	1596	1328	0.00	-0.21	0.05	1.61	7.22
Salmon 5/	88	45	--	--	3029	1608	1472	0.00	-0.19	0.15	1.22	5.93

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Emmett Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ¹	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	--	--	85	65	86	65	82	68	--	--	89	69	86	68	86	67
Emmett	--	--	88	75	89	76	90	78	--	--	86	75	85	74	88	76
Parma	--	--	65	63	66	64	66	64	--	--	--	--	--	--	66	64
Sandpoint	--	--	69	59	73	60	75	62	73	62	73	62	68	61	72	61
Twin Falls	--	--	73	59	78	59	76	64	--	--	83	70	80	67	78	64

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.

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